

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 30, Tucson Mountains

Arizona Conservation Corps, December 6th, 2019



On December 6th, we brought an awesome Arizona Conservation Corp crew out to finish this complicated cholla filled plot. The crew navigated the steep terrain and found the tallest saguaro we have found so far during this census effort. Since 1990 the number of saguaros on the plot has increased from about 260 to nearly 500 saguaros. The encouraging news is that the numbers have continued to increase, and we found more saguaros this year than during the 2010 Census and in our special 2016 Centennial saguaro study. There were some smallish saguaros in the hills and also one really, really tall saguaro that was about 13 meters (over 42 feet tall!). Since 2010, then number of saguaros that are less than 1 meter (about 3 feet) have decreased, but they probably have graduated to the category of saguaros between one and two meters.

Saguaro Plot #30

